

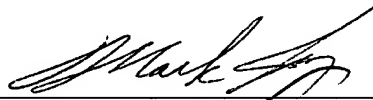
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downward direction as shown in the substitute drawing page. This is clearly indicated by the words "Start" and "End." Accordingly, no new matter has been introduced.

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT (along with any documents referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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